

# Dulles Calls CIA 'Goat' in Viet Nam

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of directors, he is an avid reader of Ian Fleming spy stories.

"Intelligence work is thrilling and fascinating" he said, "but not usually as adventuresome as my friend Fleming describes it. So I read his books with a great deal of pleasure."

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doubt that very much. What I do believe is that the Ambassador has the right to request any new personnel he may want.

"The situation in Viet Nam is very difficult. There is a civil war going on. The government there is unstable and unpredictable. But it is wrong to accuse the CIA or its officials of trying to make policy.

"The CIA does not make policy. It is made by the President, the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense. Once they make a policy, it is the policy for everybody and there never has been a case where the CIA has failed to go along to the best of its ability.

"In Viet Nam, the trouble is there never has been a clear-cut policy for day to day operations in a rapidly changing situation."

## AN OLD STORY

Asked about reports that U.S. officials and agencies in Viet Nam were divided on whether the government of President Ngo Dinh Diem should be overthrown in favor of one more positively anti-Communist, Mr. Dulles said

"It's the old story. You can't swap horses in mid-stream. We can't run the government in Viet Nam. We are there as advisers.

"There are lots of governments around the world that are not all we wish to be—all over Latin America, for instance. The danger in overthrowing them is that many might turn Communist.

"The idea that the United States can be or should try to be a king maker all over the world is fantastic. We can't do that."

## WORK UNDER LAW

Returning again to criticism levelled against the CIA by those who view it as essentially un-American and a threat to democratic processes, Mr. Dulles declared:

"The CIA is not a secret, uncontrolled, free-wheeling organization. That's not true. And I don't believe at all that the CIA is contrary to our democracy.

"The CIA was established by law, by Congress, under the National Security Act of 1947. It was set up entirely by democratic processes. Over 11

its members have all worked under the law.

"The prime function of the CIA is to gather facts, intelligence, on which policy naturally is largely based. But it is nonsense to say the CIA makes the policy or acts on its own convictions.

## POLICY DECISION

"Policy is determined by the President after the CIA reports of its findings are studied by the U. S. Intelligence Board and the Board submits its own estimates to him. The CIA is on the Board, but so is the State Department, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the Air Force Intelligence, the Office of Naval Intelligence and the FBI, among others.

"Incidentally—all reports to the contrary—the CIA works very closely with the FBI in domestic security affairs. I have the highest regard for J. Edgar Hoover. Our relations have been excellent. He has a very fine highly competent group of men.

## KNEW OF U-2

"As far as the CIA finances and activities are concerned, it must report to four Congressional subcommittees. Its budget are gone over very careful and in detail. The Armed Services Committee can and frequently does call in the CIA director to report on anything going on.

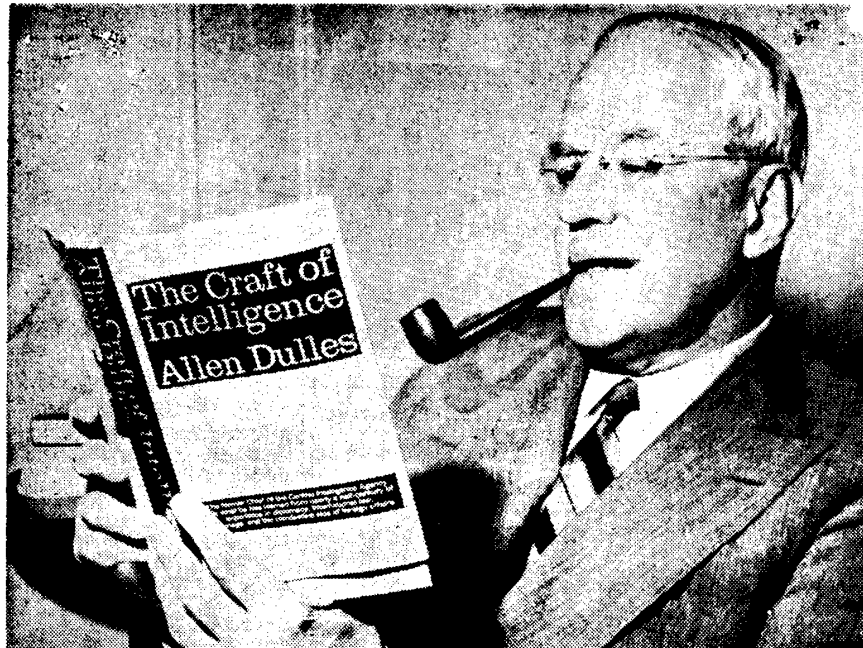
"As I report in my book, members of this committee knew all about the money we were spending for U-2 surveillance flights. When the U-2 was shot down over Russia, we were accused of secrecy and could make no public defense.

"I was always ready to take the blame. I offered to resign and be a scapegoat, as I did after the Bay of Pigs affair in Cuba. But the President came forward and took the responsibility.

"I cannot emphasize too much that the CIA has never mounted an operation of a political nature without the highest approval."

## ACTIVE IN FIRM

Mr. Dulles, who keeps himself in physical condition by playing "a pretty good game of tennis," spends several days a week in this city and is still active in his old law firm, Sullivan & Cromwell, 48 Wall st. Most of his time is spent in Washington.



ALLEN W. DULLES WITH HIS NEW BOOK  
"The CIA Does Not Make Policy... But Follows It to the Letter"

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